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| In re Application of: | Ogle et al. | |
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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED
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Examiner Strzelecka:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2009. A petition for a two-month extension of time, from January 13, 2010 to March 13, 2010, is included herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees during the entire pendency of this application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-4302, referencing Attorney Docket No. UM-30944/US-2/PCT. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).